

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0115				Revise allocation of wildlife crime restitution penalties to FWP		
Primary Sponsor:	Jent, L.		Status:	A	As Introd	luced	
☐ Significant	Local Gov Impact		Include in HB 2			Technical Concerns	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget			Significant Long-Term Impacts			Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	

FISCAL SUMMARY

	FY 2008 FY 2009 Difference Difference		FY 2010 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2011 <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	(67,956)	(67,956)	(67,956)	(67,956)
State Special Revenue	67,956	67,956	67,956	67,956
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	(67,956)	(67,956)	(67,956)	(67,956)

<u>Description of fiscal Impact:</u> This legislation directs that all money collected by courts as restitution for wildlife crimes be deposited to a Fish, Wildlife & Parks' state special revenue fund for hunter education purposes or for enforcement.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

- 1. According to FWP's Notice To Appear (NTA) database, the amount of court ordered restitution has averaged \$127,956 for the past 6 years. This amount is in constant flux since it can take several years before restitution is actually collected from the violators. The court can also allow defendants a time-payment plan.
- 2. Per 87-1-114(2), MCA, FWP currently receives the first \$60,000 of court-ordered restitution annually. The balance is deposited into the general fund.
- 3. If this legislation passes, FWP could receive \$67,956 additional revenue annually (\$127,956 \$60,000).

Fiscal Impact:	FY 2008 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2009 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2010 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2011 <u>Difference</u>						
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Revenues:										
General Fund (01)	(67,956)	(67,956)	(67,956)	(67,956)						
State Special Revenue (02)	67,956	67,956	67,956	67,956						
TOTAL Revenues	0	0	0	0						
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Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):										
General Fund (01)	(67,956)	(67,956)	(67,956)	(67,956)						
State Special Revenue (02)	67,956	67,956	67,956	67,956						

Sponsor's Initials Date Budget Director's Initials Date